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Flight risk considered

Judge to set Norman's bail

By Clarissa Aljentera
Daily staff writer

A municipal judge has delayed until Wednesday a motion to increase the bail of a former San Jose State University student charged with raping a teen-ager in his Washburn Hall room earlier this semester.

During Leslie Norman's third court appearance Friday, Judge Virginia Mae Days postponed setting a new bail amount so she could review the case and charges that he is a flight risk.

The motion for an increase in Norman's bail was made by assistant deputy district attorney James Cahan, who requested that it be set at \$100,000. The amount now is \$15,000, which Cahan said is much too low.

Cahan said he requested the bail increase because Norman left San Jose without informing the court. He should be considered a flight risk, Cahan said, because he might not return for a hearing.

"The \$100,000 is an incentive for him to appear and face justice," Cahan said.

Norman is charged with one count of false imprisonment, rape of an unconscious victim and rape of an intoxicated victim stemming from an alleged incident in Norman's residence hall room on Sept. 12.

Attorney Dan Barton, who made a general appearance for Norman, said he disagreed with Cahan's portrayal of Norman as a flight risk. Norman has no previous record, Barton said, and relocated to Southern California, where he has enrolled in another university.

Barton said the police chief in Norman's hometown of Lebanon, Ill., wrote a letter stating he had not had any problems with Norman in their six-year acquaintance. The police chief has known Norman's family for quite some time, Barton said. Barton said he also obtained a copy of Norman's high school transcript, which showed no tardiness and only minimal absences.

"Since bail was set, he has complied with every obligation of the court," Barton said.

Judge Days said she was concerned that Norman had left San Jose, the jurisdiction of the court.

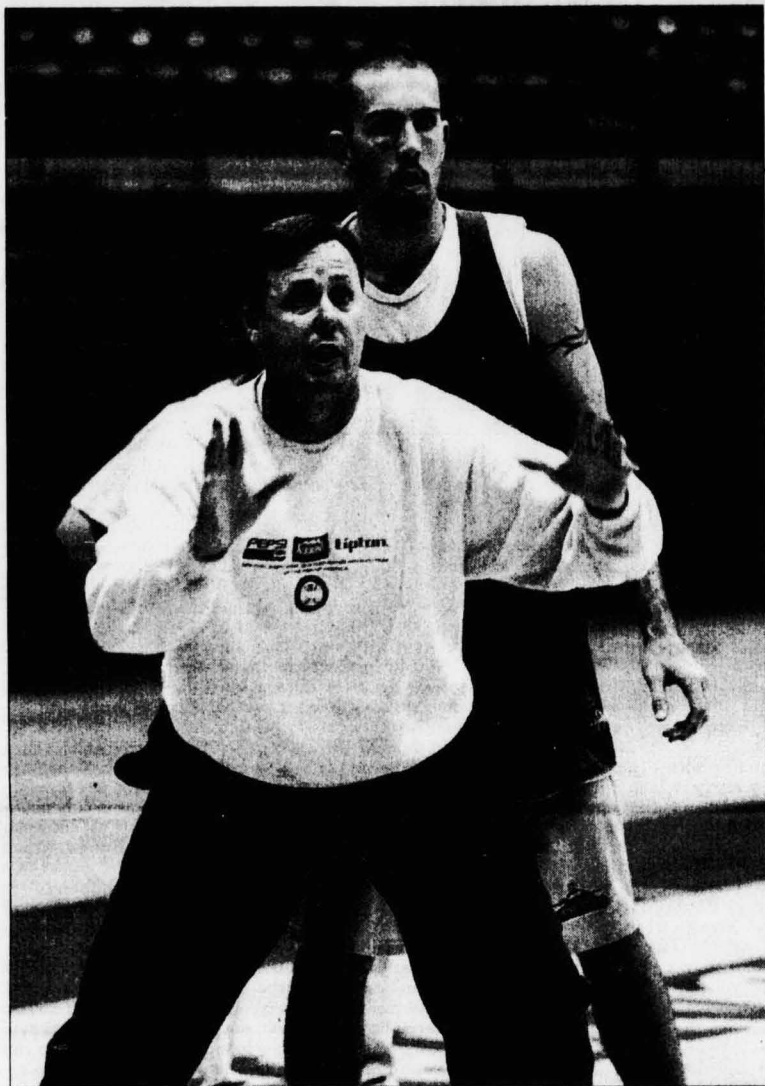
Because of the nature of the felonies Norman faces, the minimum bail should be at least \$35,000, Judge Days said.

If he is convicted Norman could face imprisonment of up to eight years and eight months, Cahan said.

Norman will appear before Judge Days at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Department 28, in the Santa Clara County Hall of Justice.

Steve Barnes

Q & A



Gladys Mondala / Spartan Daily

San Jose State University men's basketball coach Steve Barnes demonstrates defensive guarding techniques during practice Monday at the Event Center. Barnes replaced Phil Johnson, who left SJSU to join the Chicago Bulls as an assistant coach.

A talk with men's basketball's new head coach

By Aaron Williams
Daily staff editor

Barnes coached last year?)

In September, Steve Barnes took over as men's basketball coach for Phil Johnson, who resigned to take a job with the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Johnson had compiled a 12-16 record last season, and for the first time in years the basketball program at San Jose State University appeared to be headed in the right direction.

Now, six weeks after taking over the rebuilding process Johnson had started — and on the eve of the Spartans first exhibition game — Barnes sat down with the Spartan Daily to talk about life after Phil Johnson, his extremely young team and where he sees the basketball program heading.

Q Spartan Daily: What do you think of California and San Jose so far?

A Steve Barnes: Well I've been here a lot, growing up in Southern Cal and over the years recruiting in Northern Cal. Plus my wife's family is from Sacramento, so I've been here a lot. So the transition of getting used to the city, a big city, because I haven't lived in a big city in a while, has been a bit of an adjustment, but it's not unusual. I've been so busy I haven't had time to think about it.

Q Do you know the temperature in Ames, Iowa (where

A Yeah, it's 51 degrees for the high and low of 36. Here I read it was going to be 72 or 71 today (Wednesday).

Q How has the first few weeks of practice been? Are you and the players starting to adjust to each other?

A The first weeks are going about like they always do, especially when you have a bunch of new players. The first year of your program, no matter who your coach is, there's always the adjustment because of the newness, but we're right where we should be as far as a team. We're struggling a little bit, but then again that's what you do when you have nine new guys. As opposed to when you've had your program for two or three years and you've got a lot of guys who know you and who know who you are it becomes easier. The returns are able to tell the new guys what you're like. I don't want to say we're having growing pains, but we're going through the pains of being on the practice floor for three straight weeks with no game. It's tough for new guys, guys who haven't played Division I level, because there is a lot more demands and expectations that don't come when you're in high school and junior college. I think they're getting adjusted to me. They know I'm very demanding and expect them to play hard and I'm trying to work toward perfection because there is slip-

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Library's special collections moved off campus

By Erika Coron
Daily staff writer

The library's special collections department and old books and periodicals have moved to a new temporary location on Senter Road near Phelan Avenue, south

of the university. The sections reopened at the new location Nov. 1.

"Although I had hoped for space closer to campus, I didn't anticipate it would be this far. I think we could probably make it work," said Cecilia Mullen, head of special collections at San Jose State

University. "Any move is a significant inconvenience, but the university did provide us with a brand new building."

Special collections is available by appointment only through Dec. 18, and books and periodicals is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Valley Transit Authority bus line runs by the new location and is free for students who have their transit stickers. Although a shuttle is not currently available, Mullen said a request was made for one.

Circulation desk manager

Randy Anderson said he knows the move will be an inconvenience for students.

"We know that it's not always easy because we are off campus — there's nothing we can do," Anderson said. "They're going to tear down Wahlquist because

they're going to build the joint library, so that material has to go someplace."

As far as the periodicals, microbiology graduate student go Kevin Holden, said it would be more

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Debunking stereotypes

Islamic speaker yearns for media equality

By Liz Cloutman
Daily staff writer

Nearly one-sixth of the world's population — 900 million people — belong to the religion of Islam, according to "The World's Religions," a book by Huston Smith, a former professor of religion at the University of California, Berkeley.

Although the majority of Muslims, followers of Islam, live in the nations of North Africa, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent and Indonesia, there are also adherents in many other countries, including the United States.

These followers of the prophet Mohammed are often stereotyped as terrorists by the media and American government officials. Amir Abdul Malik Ali told the audience of about 60 mostly Muslim students, who gathered in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union Tuesday.

Ali is the amir (leader) of the Oakland mosque and founder of the Masjid al Islam, a school for Islamic students, ages 3 to 13. His speech was the first in a series of five events planned by the Muslim Student Association to honor Islamic Awareness Week and to promote a better understanding of Islam at SJSU.

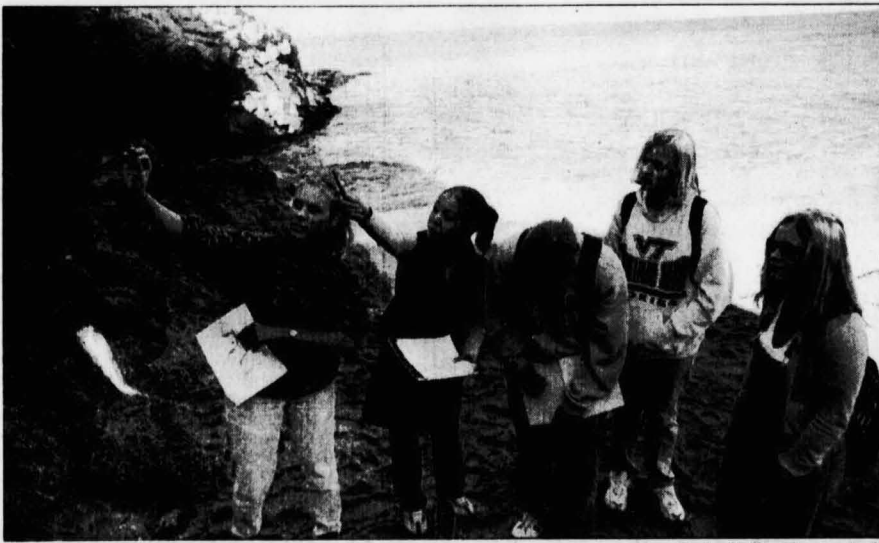
"I think it's a good thing he's coming," said Adil Syed, former vice president of the association, prior to Ali's lecture. "My own experience growing up is that people have stereotyped views of Islam and think all Muslims are terrorists. I hope Ali will be able to clear up these stereotypes."

Beginning with a traditional Muslim greeting — delivered first in Arabic, then in English — Ali spoke for over an hour to an audience that seemed mesmerized by his impassioned speech.

"The No. 1 refugee population in the world is Muslim,"

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Rock show



Jessica Malloy / Spartan Daily

Caroline Frey (left), a geology graduate student and lab instructor at San Jose State University, points out various geological features to (from left to right) Amanda Shum, Jim Lagleva, Nicole Hanson and Megnan Compton Saturday at Montara Beach, off U.S. Highway 1 just north of Half Moon Bay. Frey was explaining the sequence of geologic events that caused the various layers of rock to be deposited in the order they appeared.

Study proves three strikes ineffective

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A new study of criminal sentences in three large California cities concludes that the state's 5 1/2-year-old three strikes law hasn't had any statistically significant impact on the conduct of criminals.

Franklin Zimring, a University of California, Berkeley, law professor, said Monday his analysis of arrest records of 3,500 criminal defendants in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco before and after California enacted the law in 1994 found no evidence it is a deterrent to crime.

His report was immediately challenged by a spokesman for an author of California's three strikes law, California Secretary of State Bill Jones, a former state assemblyman.

"When you see the crime rate going down 38 percent since three strikes, you can't say it doesn't work," said Jones spokesman Alfie Charles. "The entire crime rate drop isn't attributable to three strikes, but

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FORUM

San Jose State University

Truths revealed as public gets access to 'The Real Daily'



Prophecies

JEREMIAH OSHAN

Jerry Jones, the eccentric owner of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, recently told Sports Illustrated that he hoped to one day put cameras in his team's offices and broadcast their

images over the Internet.

That way, he contends, rabid fans can keep up on the day-to-day operations of their favorite team.

When a big trade goes down, fans could watch not just the results on Sportscenter, but what led up to that point. They can hear all the late night discussions — and arguments — that ultimately led up to the final result.

He is, no doubt, hoping that the broadcasts of the Cowboys' lives will become something of a daily soap opera, complete with allies and adversaries formed between Cowboy personnel and their fans.

Every fan could watch the anguish of Joe Wide receiver as he finds out that he will not be on his team's opening day roster. They will be able to see the sheer look of ecstasy on the faces of the players as they return to the locker room after winning the Super Bowl.

Granted, it's not the most original idea — every college student has surely seen MTV's "The Real World."

This idea got me thinking, though.

Why shouldn't the Spartan Daily do something similar? By installing cameras in our news, conference, production and photo rooms, we could accomplish a number of things.

Perhaps most importantly, we could finally debunk several popular myths about what kinds of things go on at the Daily. We could finally put to rest the popular — but untrue — notion that the Daily is a haven for sexual exploits.

The viewing public could see that we leave this room so rarely that we don't have time to do much else outside of putting out the paper, eating an odd meal, doing a homework assignment or two, sleeping and drinking.

They could also be privy to some of the dramatics that are surely fit for a time slot on one of the struggling networks. There would be the irate student who feels that we are neglecting his or her cause, the irate faculty members who say we have misrepresented them or the irate reporter who does not understand how the editors could have screwed up his or her "perfect" story, to keep our loyal viewers glued to their TV or computer screen.

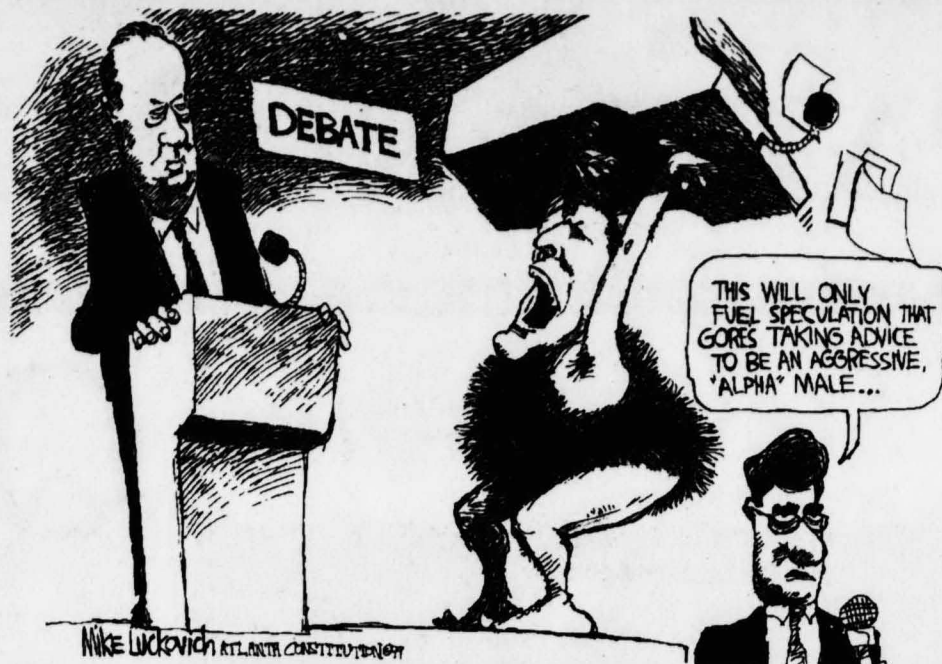
Every day, viewers would get to see the meeting we call "budget." There they would get to see us mercilessly plot against the Greek system and the A.S., whom we obviously hate.

The staffers of the Daily would, of course, be willing to mug it up for the cameras. Since we are, after all, egomaniacs who have no other way of making a name for ourselves, this would be a wonderful tool.

As an added bonus we could even hire some ringers — especially attractive people — since journalists, by nature, aren't the most well kept people in the world.

Yes, we'd be putting on a show, but more importantly, everyone would get to see how a real newspaper operates. Finally, the world would get to see that yes, there is a conspiracy.

Jeremiah Oshan is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Prophecies" appears Tuesdays.



Glass of school spirit leaking at SJSU

There are three types of people in the world. A pessimist believes the glass is half empty, an optimist believes the glass is half full and a realist knows the glass is half full, but also realizes the water is leaking out of the glass.

I am a realist, although I've been told I am the prototypical pessimist — especially when it comes to San Jose State University.

I think this is a great place to get an education, full of a lot of interesting and intelligent people. But it is plagued by constant problems such as antiquated technology, the typical bureaucratic nightmares associated with a public institution, a lack of school identity and massive apathy.

But I got a taste — no, make that a heaping mouthful — of optimism and Spartan pride in all its glory Friday night at the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

The inaugural class of the Hall is an impressive group of individuals that could make such snootier institutions as our over-priced neighbors to the north jealous.

Friday I talked to Tommie Smith — an Olympic gold medalist who simultaneously held 11 world records — about how honored he was to be associated with SJSU. Former Major League Baseball commissioner and 1984 Olympic organizer, Peter Ueberroth, spoke about how no one owed more to SJSU than he did. I listened to tale after tale of unbelievable and outstanding Spartan accomplishments. From Mark Gale, who coached the women's golf team to 91 victories in 211 tournaments, to Mike Swain, a four-time Olympian who won bronze in 1988 and later coached the Olympic judo team, to Bud Winter, who had 27 of his track athletes qualify for the Olympics and set 37 world records, each inductee seemed to raise the bar of greatness to new heights.

Then the water started leaking when I got home from work on Saturday.

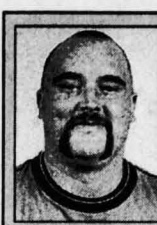
Actually, I had noticed a drip for about a month, but on Saturday it turned into a gusher. As I saw the score "Hawaii 62 - SJSU 41" scroll across the bottom of my TV screen, the realist inside screamed, "Told you so."

I've always contended that there needs to be bad in order to know what good is — and the Spartan football team is an excellent measuring stick of exactly what bad is.

Four games — four straight ass-kickings.

Four games — four times the opponent scored more than 40 points.

Four games — four chances for the rest of the



Mr. BAD EXAMPLE

Aaron Williams

Western Athletic Conference and the nation to say the win over Stanford was a fluke.

Since that win over Stanford the Spartans have been outscored 195-74 — 234-118 if you include the 44-39 Stanford win. This includes a stretch from the end of the Stanford game to the third quarter of the Rice game, during which SJSU allowed 77 unanswered points.

Throw in the Colorado game, and SJSU has five games where its opposition has posted a 40-spot on the scoreboard.

Hell, two of our three wins are against Tulsa — more of a perennial doormat than we are, if that's possible, and Saint Mary's — a Division-IAA school.

While I haven't seen all of the Spartans games this season — I went to Stanford and watched the Rice game on TV — I did see 11 of 12 games last year and apparently not much has changed.

The defense, which was porous at best last season, is once again giving up yards and points like Wilt Chamberlain's alleged sex partners — many and frequently.

In the past few weeks, the Spartan offense has done little or nothing to help its defense, going three-and-out and turning the ball over as often as ... well, Chamberlain had sex. Earlier in the season this offensive juggernaut looked like a Ferrari. Now it just looks offensive, resembling an AMC Gremlin in which Chamberlain had sex.

I think what is most puzzling — and troubling — is that SJSU scored 34 points in the fourth quarter, and still lost by 21. I don't think that has ever happened in the history of football.

It would be easy for me to blame the players, but they can't take all of the blame, that would be analogous to me blaming myself for my less than stellar midterm grades. I don't doubt they're trying to win games, but sometimes — like my midterms — you can try your damndest and still not succeed.

That would leave Dave Baldwin and his coaching staff to shoulder the brunt of the blame.

Baldwin's been here for three years, and 99 percent of the team is players who he has recruited.

Either he's not recruiting well enough, he's not getting the potential out of the talent or his system just doesn't work. I don't really have the answers to the Spartans' woes. All I know is that I experienced the high of highs on Friday and then sunk to the lowest depths on Saturday. And it was a bitter pill to swallow because I didn't have any water left in my glass.

Aaron Williams is the Spartan Daily assistant sports editor. "Mr. Bad Example" appears Tuesdays.

Losing a hero and role model — Walter Payton

Lance Analla

STAFF WRITER



Back in January 1986, my father and I were taking a walk around the neighborhood. We saw a teddy bear hanging from a noose, a symbol in favor of the New England Patriots against the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl. My dad offered me a \$5 bet; he would take the Pats and I would pull for "Super Bowl Shuffle" Bears. It was the easiest \$5 I ever made in my life. The Bears trounced the Patriots 46-10 and I found the greatest hero of my life at the time, perhaps ever, in Walter Payton.

Unfortunately for me, I could only watch him play for another two seasons, but I thought "Sweetness" was the greatest thing in the world. I would later receive a pair of Bears pajamas, which turned out to be those of No. 76, William "Refrigerator" Perry, but I always pretended they were Payton's.

My sister, also a huge fan, wore his athletic shoes, Roo's (come on, you must remember those horrid sneakers with the velcro pouches on the sides).

Then, this past February, a press conference was held announcing that Payton needed a liver transplant. He had lost a lot of weight and looked very, if not gravely, ill. The man who could bend over backwards from a handstand into a standing position after a tackle, could barely walk or stand without being exhausted.

Since Payton had developed cancer, he was taken off the waiting list for a liver transplant.

Now, just 13 years after reaching the pinnacle of his football career, I saw my idol pass away from bile duct cancer at only 45 years old.

Payton was the epitome of a class act and was active in the Chicago community. He was a hard working player whose training regiment was duplicated by Jerry Rice. It's hard to believe he was a band member in high school, and didn't play football until his junior year en route to becoming the greatest running back of all time.

Payton currently holds the NFL's all-time mark in rushing yards with 16,726. He also set the single-game record for rushing yards with 275 in 40 carries.

Before Michael Jordan came along, Payton owned the city of Chicago. No one ever really had anything negative to say about the man. In this day and age of professional sports, when low-life individuals such as Latrell Sprewell and O.J. Simpson are revered and pampered, Payton is a refreshing positive icon from a bygone era.

Professional sports needs more people like Payton. His son Jarrett, who is a freshman at the University of Miami, also plays running back like his father. It may be unfair to place such a lofty burden on his shoulders, but maybe he can carry on the Payton mystique. Hopefully someone will.

It may sound strange, but now that Payton is gone, I feel as if a little bit of myself left with him.

Now that he has passed away, so has my childhood.

Thank you for giving an 8-year-old child someone to look up to.

Goodbye, Walter Payton.

Lance Analla is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Today

Nutrition and Food Science Department

Body composition analysis, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 221. For more information, call James Burke at 924-3377.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; receptions, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Jenny at 924-4330.

Mu Alpha Gamma

American Society of Magazine Editors internship meeting, 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 213. For more information, call Harvey Gotliffe at 924-3246.

Counseling Services

Depression workshop, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 269. For more information, call Jill Steinberg, Holly Hopkins or Katie Dashtban at 924-5910.

Counseling Services

Ongoing support group for stu-

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cents taking or considering taking medications for concerns such as depression, anxiety, OCD, etc., 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 222B. For more information, call Jill Steinberg or Christie Fukunaga at 924-5910.

Career Center

Internships for advertising, journalism and public relations majors, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; internships for science majors, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

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The second interview, 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering building, Room 189. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

Public Relations Alumni and Friends

An evening with the Golden Circle, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bella Mia

restaurant, 58 S. First St. Fee of \$23 required, drop off checks made out to the San Jose State Foundation in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 104.

School of Art and Design

Tuesday night lecture series: Photography faculty exhibit walk-through, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Art building, Room 133. For more information, call Andy at 924-4328.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for those interested in becoming committed Catholic Christians, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the

Campus Ministry Center, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call the Rev. Bob Barry at 938-1610.

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by Dave Whamond

NEWS

San Jose State University

Painting up a storm

Above, Michelle Domingo (left) gets attacked with a paintbrush by Riyo Liamsithisack, while Rosemary Guy (middle) watches during Delta Sigma Pi's community service event on Friday. None of the three walked away without paint on them somewhere.

Right, (left to right) Sonya Hernandez, Brian Necesario and Mary Ruth Dasalla put a white coat of paint on the ceiling Friday at the Low Income Self Help Center in San Jose. Hernandez coordinated the event.

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Chad Pilster / Spartan Daily



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difficult for students to access them.

"I think probably, for most students who use them, it would definitely be an inconvenience for them to have to go all the way down there to South Campus," said Holden. "I'm not a big fan of the joint library project anyway."

Special collections, which used to be located on the third floor of Wahlquist Library North, housed fragile, rare and unusual items that wouldn't fare well in the main collection, Mullen said.

"If we didn't keep them in here (in special collections), they might not be available to everybody who might want to use them," Mullen said.

They also have university archives, which document the history of the university, she said.

Materials could be requested online, Anderson said. Students can also go to the third floor of Clark library and put in a request for a periodical or book. If the request for the periodical is put in before 10:30 a.m. students can pick up materials at the library after 4 p.m. that same day. For books, the request must be in by 1 p.m. for this service.

Mullen said it will probably take a while for students to get used to the new location because they won't be able to just drop by in between classes.

"We will be here the duration of the time it takes to get the new building built, and I think students will find a way to get out here," Mullen said.

Islam

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Ali said. "In Chechnya, Kashmir, Kosovo, Palestine — Muslims are being oppressed."

"As Muslims, we're not allowed to talk about it," he said. "If we're angered, we're labeled as terrorists."

America is a battleground of ideas, Ali said, and the government promulgates its world view through the institutions that affect the mind, such as the media and schools.

After Israel expelled 400 Palestinians in 1992, the state of Israel was condemned by the United Nations, Ali claimed, and worldwide opinion toward Islam seemed more favorable until the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993. The U.S. govern-

ment blamed Muslim terrorists for the bombing, he said.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about religion in general," said Faten Hijazi, president of the association. "Anything that tries to bring about an ideological change, the status quo would like to go against, regardless of where it comes from. The reason why Islam has it harder is the way the media portrays it."

Ali spoke of his opposition to the Anti-Terrorism Act, passed by Congress in 1996. According to both the Center for National Security and the American Civil Liberties Union Web sites, the bill makes it a crime for a U.S. citizen to provide any material support to the lawful political or humanitarian activities of any foreign group designated by the Secretary of State as terrorist.

"Ninety percent of those groups are Muslim," Ali said.

Muslim students have the obligation to speak out against oppressing and stereotyping Islam, Ali said.

"Islam is the fastest growing religion in the West," he said. "Those in power in the West are fighting against Islam in Africa and Asia. We should stand up and fear no one but Allah."

Muslim students responded favorably to Ali's speech.

"I thought he was a very articulate speaker and made a lot of sense," said Edris Rahin, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering. "Our society does suppress what it doesn't want us to know."

Zaki Mubashir, a senior majoring in marketing, said he believed Muslim students needed to hear Ali's message.

"He opened our eyes today. It was necessary for students to be exposed to the truth once and for all," Mubashir said.

Strikes

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it is a major factor."

The three strikes law — doubling sentences for a second felony conviction and imposing 25 years to life for a third conviction — was enacted in March 1994.

But the crime rate had been declining for 2 1/2 years before that date, and it continued downward after three strikes at roughly the same rate, Zimring said.

But more importantly, the percentage of felony defendants facing three-strikes sentences, the real measure of its value as a deterrent, only declined from 13.9 percent during the 2 1/2 years before three strikes to 12.8 percent in the same time period after.

"The statistical effect of three strikes is negligible," Zimring told

a Capitol news conference Monday. "The three-strikes defendants are indistinguishable from the general run of felons."

"If California's crime decline were a three-strikes effect, we would expect to see the drop in arrests concentrated among the target groups. Instead, the decline is spread evenly" among both three-strikes and first and second-time offenders, he said.

But Charles said Zimring's study ignored other relevant data.

"We have more parolees leaving California than coming to California. If you talk with parolees or inmates, they know what it is, and they know how many strikes they have. It is working," Charles said.

But Zimring said there was "no way to turn this data into a conclusive argument for or against the impact of three strikes."

He said his statistical analysis also strongly suggests that prose-

cutors are seeking the second-strike enhancement of double the normal penalty, but they are not seeking third-strike penalties in the overwhelming majority of cases where it might be applicable.

He said parole revocations of ex-convicts have also risen substantially, an indication that prosecutors are using that option instead of prosecuting for a third strike.

"It appears that only one in 10 eligible for 25-to-life actually get it," Zimring said. "That's one of the reasons the costs for administering this law were lower than anyone predicted."

Zimring said that while at least 25 other states and the federal government also have enacted three-strikes statutes, he doesn't plan a more extensive study since California has had nearly 90 percent of the nation's three-strikes cases.

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Above, Forward Aaron Scott slides into Utah State goalie Eric Moldenhaues Saturday night. The Spartans will host the University of Oregon on Friday.

Left, Ben James of San Jose State steals the puck from Utah State winger Aaron Matern Saturday at the Ice Centre. The Spartans lost the game 3-2.

Talent absent in Utah St. loss

By Lance Analla
Daily staff writer

A difficult schedule can make or break a team.

When Utah State University came to play the San Jose State University hockey club, they came away with a 3-2 victory, putting the team's chances for obtaining a national ranking in peril.

The loss brought SJSU's record to 4-5 overall. Utah State got on the scoreboard early in the game, catching Spartan goalie Eric Lahrs off guard with one goal apiece from Sutliff and Burrell at 14:41 and 15:03, respectively.

SJSU was able to rally back in the second period when defenseman Rahsaan Whitney slammed a

slapshot past Utah State goalie Eric Moldenhaues from almost center ice.

Utah State answered with another goal from Burrell at 19:19 in the third period, which hurt SJSU's chances for a comeback. The Spartans had a top four ranking in the West of the American Club Hockey Association going into Saturday's game, and have seen the most difficult part of the schedule.

The Spartans will not have to play any of the top three teams until they meet the University of Utah for the last time this season next semester.

Head coach Ron Glasow said despite Saturday's loss, he thinks the season is far from over.

"This was the biggest game to

date, but since we lost to the second place team (Utah State), we should still keep our fourth place ranking," Glasow said.

Glasow said he wasn't as upset over the outcome of the game as he was with some of his players, whom he thought did not play to their abilities. He refused to name anyone in particular.

"A couple of guys did not show the talent that they have, which made the difference (in the game)," Glasow said.

The Spartan defense stepped up against Utah State, which averages nine goals a game, to allow only three goals.

Unlike the last game SJSU played against Colorado State University, the team as a whole seemed more aggressive.

"A couple of guys did not show the talent that they have, which made the difference."

— Ron Glasow
head coach
SJSU hockey club

Despite the scoring deficiency, the team refused to quit on the defensive end.

The team offense, as it has been for much of the season, remains a question mark.

Whitney said the forwards need to contribute more offensively to allow the defensemen to do their job — stopping the puck from going into the SJSU net.

"We don't have any go-to guys," Whitney said. "Our defensemen are relied upon to score but we need more production if we want to finish in the top four (in the West)."

A rough schedule to start the season may explain why the Spartans are off to a slow start. SJSU has already played the best teams in their division at least once.

All but one loss has come at the hands of Utah State, the University of Utah and Colorado

State University, all of which rank among the top teams in the West.

Co-captain and winger Scott Mittleman said the scheduling has not been in SJSU's favor, but that cannot be used as an excuse for the team's poor record.

"We've played our hearts out and lost to all the top teams, which hurts," Mittleman said. "The scheduling has been tough, but that will only make us tougher. This game should determine the tempo for the next couple of games."

Hopefully for SJSU hockey, this tempo will lead to a winning record.

Correction: Rahsaan Whitney did not play until the second period of the Colorado State University game on Oct. 30.

Spartan Roundup ...

Daily staff report

After finishing its regular season, the San Jose State University women's soccer team fell to Fresno State University, which ended in a 1-0 loss Thursday in the Western Athletic Conference Championships in Dallas, Texas. The Spartans finished their season 12-7-1 overall and 3-2-1 in league.

The only goal for the Bulldogs came in the 88th minute off of a corner kick. The ball bounced off the goal post to Andrea Morelock, who kicked it in for the 1-0 lead. Spartan goalie Amee Brown was able to come away with one save and Bulldog goalie Jennifer Johnstone also had one save.

The Bulldogs outshot the Spartans 12-3.

■ In front of its home crowd the Fresno men's soccer team defeated the SJSU men's soccer team 2-1 on Sunday. The last time these two teams played, they were tied going into overtime

with the Bulldogs eventually winning 3-2.

The defense from both teams provided a scoreless first half. Both teams had five shots on goal at the end of the half. The Spartans turned their offense up in the second half, with a total of 14 shots compared with the nine shots on goal from the Bulldogs.

In the 60th minute of the game, Bulldog Noah Delgado scored with an assist from Miro Bilaver to boost their lead to 1-0. However, Spartan defender Ryan Suarez was able to tie the game 1-1 off a free kick.

But Bulldog Kupono Low helped regain control of the game with a shot from 15 yards out for the 2-1 lead.

Spartan goalie Chris Humphreys came away with one save and Bulldog goalie Jeremy Proud finished with five saves.

SJSU will face Southern Methodist University at 1 p.m. on Friday at Spartan Stadium.

■ The Spartan men's and women's cross country teams

finished their season seventh and third, respectively, at the WAC championships in Fresno on Oct. 30.

The women were led by Allison Kegley's sixth place time of 18:20. This was the best finish for the women in the WAC ever. Ana Martinez finished eighth with a time of 18:32, Janina Crain finished 14th with a time of 18:47 and Kim Nebeker finished 15th with a time of 18:52.

The men were led by Jason Blair's 30th place finish of 26:52. Trevor Marca finished 33rd with a time of 26:54, while Matt Heard finished 39th with a time of 27:02.

■ The Spartan tennis team competed in the Fresno State women's tennis tournament on Oct. 29 to 31.

Coral Silverstone lost 6-4, 7-5 to Angie Bagheri of Cal Poly in the consolation singles final.

The team of Anna Nordell and Helen Van lost 8-6 to Danielle Hustedt and Erica Tower of Cal Poly in the consolation doubles-semifinals round.

Colts' Muhammad charged with battering pregnant wife 10 days before her death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Steve Muhammad of the Indianapolis Colts was arrested and charged with battering his wife 10 days before she died giving birth to a stillborn child.

Investigators say they don't know yet if there's any connection between the alleged battering and Sunday's death of Nichole Muhammad.

Autopsy results were expected today or Tuesday.

"At this point, it's a leap to say that the two were necessarily connected," said Beverly Phillips, spokeswoman for county prosecutor Scott Newman.

Her office will review the autopsy findings. Mrs. Muhammad said in a police report her husband battered her and her 6-year-old son during an Oct. 28 argument about money at their apartment.

Muhammad twisted her right wrist behind her back, pushed her against a wall and threw her to the floor, the report said.

Muhammad then struck his son, Eric, several times after the boy began striking his father with a yellow plastic baseball bat.

The report added the player disconnected the telephone when Mrs. Muhammad tried to call 911.

Muhammad surrendered to police and was charged with three counts of misdemeanor battery. He is free on \$30,000 bond.

Mrs. Muhammad died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Methodist Hospital. The couple's baby was stillborn at 5:50 a.m., the hospital said. Coach Jim Mora announced the deaths following the Colts' 25-

17 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Mora said Mrs. Muhammad went to the hospital Saturday and her husband, listed as inactive for the game, spent the night at the hospital.

Phone calls to the Colts Monday were not immediately returned.

Muhammad, a 26-year-old defensive back, signed with the Colts in February as a free agent after a season with the British

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Barnes

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page. If I only demand 50 percent, then you're only going to get about 25 percent, but if I demand 100 percent, then hopefully you get it up in the higher levels. We have good character and good kids.

Q Spartan Daily: The Spartans lost a lot of veteran leadership last year. How do you plan to fill that void and who do you expect to step into that role?

A Steve Barnes: I've tried to give the seniors (Ben Sanders, R.J. Powell and Eric Griffin) the responsibility. I've actually been on them very hard when they don't take leadership roles when certain situations arise. Seniors are the guys you should expect the most from. I don't think they're natural leaders, but I've found over the years, it isn't just these guys. It's very difficult these days to find a kid where other guys respect what they do and do believe they are a leader. But I'm putting the demands on them. I'm requiring they speak up and try to be leaders. Right now I wouldn't say we have an outside guy, a new guy, who is a leader. Maybe I'll have to be the leader this year, and that's fine. It either takes care of itself, but it's a little early still. I'm hoping it's these seniors.

Q Talk about the three returners — Sanders, Powell and Griffin — and how they fit into what you want to accomplish this season.

A They're a big part of it. My philosophy is your best chance to win is with the guys with the most experience. Those are the guys who know what to expect. They've been in the foreign arenas, they've traveled, they know how hard it is. So I'm actually looking to them heavily for a lot of things, from being our best defenders, being our toughest guys, our most physical players to also being players who can help this team score. I don't think, right now, any one of the three are playing great, but it's that early time period where you're in a grind. You're looking at going three and four hours a day, and a lot of fatigue factors in so sometimes teams don't play as well. You have to bottom a team out in my opinion in order to get it to build. R.J.'s a very good defender — he's been a guy that's done a good job of handling the ball at the point. Ben, I'm trying to free Ben up mentally in order to make him feel comfortable penetrating. I'm putting a lot on Ben about being a better defender than he was last year. Phil and I have talked a lot about that, and he wasn't the best defender and I'm into getting him to be a better defender. I think Eric's doing a real good job of doing what I ask him to do, and be a big-time rebounder and a good post defender. The thing about Eric is that last year he fouled a lot unnecessarily, and we're going to work hard not to foul.

Q This recruiting class was ranked very highly by some basketball magazines. Has anyone stood out as someone who can step in and be an impact to the team?

A Well, we have a lot of new guys, and whenever you have this many new players come into a program and not having played Division I basketball, there is a gigantic jump from high school and junior college to this level we're playing in. One thing you have to remember with that

recruiting class is that several of those players aren't here. So therefore, what you've got now is the same as what they'd originally thought they'd have. I think the biggest thing is the jump in level. We've got guys that have not got any Division I experience, and I know that there is a huge adjustment. Right now they're playing against guys (at practice) who are in the same boat, therefore they don't realize how hard you have to go, how physical you've got to be, how tough you've got to be.

Q What are your goals for this year's team? What would you consider to be a successful season?

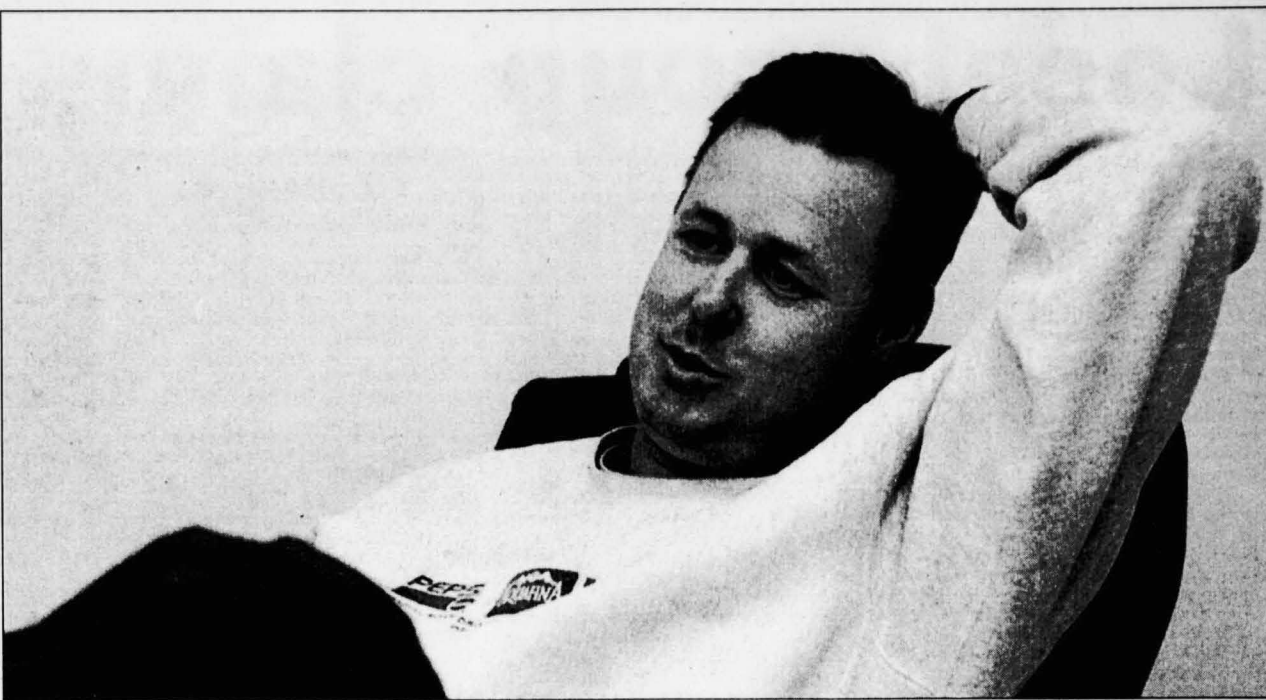
A I want to play our best basketball at the end of the year. To play great in November doesn't make a lot of sense, because it's all about playing good in March and moving forward and doing well in the conference tournament. So our goal is to be playing our best at the end. And that's probably a truer statement this year than any other, because we've got so many new guys and they don't know what to expect. Right now I don't know what to expect when we actually do play a game. Some guys, when they get in a game, they have a knack for making a basket, they have a knack for being a good defender or they have a knack for being a good rebounder. Some of those things you can't tell in a practice situation.

I don't know how this will sound, but I don't know if we can judge the success of this team by wins and losses this year. I think we're continuing to build the base of the program that Phil started last year, and I think we're still in the process of laying down the foundation.



Q What can you take more out of, a poorly played win or a brilliantly played game where the other team just flat out beats you?

A I want to win every time you get out there. If you win the game and don't play real well, I'll deal with that the next day. Any time you get a win it's OK because I've been involved with some really ugly wins, and that's the way it goes. Take the win any day, any night. But it's very important to me that we play our game, the game we've decided to play, and improve every time out. That's the ideal situation. I'm not into moral victories and all that kind of stuff. Division I basketball is about winning and getting this program turned around.



Photos by Glenn Fuentes / Spartan Daily

Q What do you think the team's identity will be?

A (Barnes points to a board on his office wall that reads "defend, rebound, team together.") And on the offensive end it would be take good shots, and I think just play hard. If you ask my guys, "What have I stressed?" they'll say defending and rebounding. I read an article in Basketball Times about the new coach in El Paso that really hit home. It shows Phil's philosophy and Tim's (Floyd) philosophy. (Former UTEP coach) Don Haskins said, "I don't care who coaches this team. You learn to play hard, you play defense, you rebound and do all the fundamental things you

because I'm not going to measure my success on what a magazine says, but at the same time it motivates me to work harder.

Q How important is it to build on the successes of last year and how realistic is it to think about an NCAA tournament berth in the near future?

A I think Phil started a philosophy, started a foundation. I told Phil the other day, after watching the tapes of last year, that he did a great job of coaching this team. Going to the NCAA tournament is what I want to do. I've been three times, but I've not been involved in a win. That's one of my goals, to get there and to win a game or two, but the biggest

Q Do you look at this year as a throwaway year in terms of expectations?

A I'm never going to look at any year as a throw away year. I (have) never been able to say this is a freebie, there's no expectations. I have a lot of expectations, and they might be different from the fans are. The fans are to get to the NCAA tournament and win the conference tournament. My goals are to get the program into a position that is respected and kids want to come here because it's San Jose State and it's a good basketball program.

Q SJSU has had three coaches in three years. Is part of building the foundation also about building some continuity in the program?

A There's no questions about it. I think we have to change the image of the program first, which is starting to happen. Phil started that with a change in attitude around here. I want to continue that and instill my own attitude about how we do things around here. Yeah, we want to get some continuity around here, get some guys in the state and get some guys out of state who have respect for us and will say, "That would be a great place to go because it is a great place." We've got a big time university in one of the best cities in the country. But there has been a lot of damage done here and it's hard to change something over night.

Q Johnson's resignation was so sudden, is there any lingering resentment by the recruits who thought they'd signed up to play for Johnson and were essentially abandoned? And how have you dealt with that?

A My opinion is no. You have to remember the recruits didn't know how Phil coached either, and I'm every bit as tough as Phil was. So it certainly isn't that much different. They wouldn't know (Johnson's coaching style) to be able to say anything different. They knew Phil on the recruiting process. I don't think there is resentment. I look at it like this, "Look guys, we're here. We're lifting weights on Wednesday and I

want to see your class schedules. I want you to go to class and work toward your degree." To sit around and think, "Gosh, are you OK?" that's a waste of time. We've got guys here that are men. Not everything in life is going to work out the way you thought it should, so you just keep moving forward.

Q What have you done to put your stamp on this team?

A I come from a real solid foundation about how you play the game and a solid mentality about what it takes to win basketball games. I think if you would talk to the players they would tell you that we have to rebound, play together, play hard as a group, play smart. Those are the things I'm trying to instill, and I think they're starting to get there. We had a workout last Saturday and it wasn't anywhere near where it needs to be, but at least it is starting to look how I want it to look. We are trying to rebound, we are trying to defend. It's starting to take that shape, but it is going to be a huge learning process. I'm trying to teach them to never be too high and never be too low. I want this program to always stay on an even keel. You get too excited about a win and then you drop three. If you lose, you have to take the loss personal and be serious about it, but you also have to play again Saturday night. You have to go back and re-prepare.

Q What do you see as key games in the upcoming season?

A Every game is going to (be) real important. I don't want to get into one game's bigger than another, that gets back to the too high and too low thing. I want our guys to know that if we play our game, then we at least give ourselves a chance.

Q Are you ready for the ball to go up Tuesday?

A Yeah, I'm excited. I know it's going to be a long year because of the effort that our guys and our staff is going to have to put forward. I can't not be excited, though. It's my first opportunity to test my mettle and to see what I've got.



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Local group claims rap game

By Mike Osegueda
Daily staff writer

The CMA says its name stands for many things — "California Music Authorities," "Cool Man Association" and "Creative Meticulous Artists" among others — but the quality of its music transcends any confusion about names.

Their album "Overall" has been awaited by fans of the Bay Area underground scene for nearly a year now, but finally the vision and words of The Grouch and PSC (Pushin' Suckas' Consciousness) have come to life.

"Overall" serves as the debut album of the duo, but neither are newcomers by any means. Grouch has released four of his own albums and, as half of the groundbreaking group Mystik Journeymen, PSC is no stranger on the microphone.

Both are members of the Living Legends crew, hailing from Oakland, famous for their stance about staying independent and controlling their own destiny within the industry.

While prior projects from both these artists could be considered by some to be whiny complaints about the politics of the industry and dwelling on their lowly financial status, the CMA album takes a different turn.

"Overall" takes the listener on a journey through the trenches of the California underground scene — no, the West Coast is not dead — while two of its premiere emcees tell how dope they are, preach consciousness, and even tell a few stories.

All of this takes place over the mellow beats supplied by Grouch, who produced 10 of the 14 tracks.

Other Bay Area producers such as 427 and Elusive are familiar to Living Legends fans, and both get their chance to shine on "Overall."

It's 427's track "The Best (You Neva Heard Ov)" that proves to be one of the standout tracks on the album.

The production utilizes a catchy piano loop and a few sound effects to create a backdrop for Grouch and PSC to tell everyone who might have slept on them in the past what they're about.

"Mistakes can be forgiven / just hop

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up in the van for living / heart-driven by destiny / living anonymous and unknown / in some zones a hero / in some homes a reason to make clones / to copy formats of tight raps ..." PSC says.

On they hook, they say "It's like murder, living as the best you've never heard of."

That may be a steep claim, but they are determined to prove it.

Another track that might just convince the jury is the title track.

On "Overall," Grouch and PSC trade rhymes back and forth.

The quick, abstract delivery of PSC and the slow, powerful voice of Grouch come together well over one of the album's more upbeat tracks.

The usually mellow Grouch comes across angrier on the track.

"It gets tricky now / how I'm picking styles sickly / quick link to my conscious / I never had a tolerance for non-

sense / it's on since I made it that way / so I stated it that way / other fools can't create it that way," he says.

PSC comes and steals the show on "Souled Out," the album's final track.

He tells the first-person story of a rapper who sells out and has the pay to the price when his fame runs out.

"I'm coked out, living out the trunk of my car / my ambitions as a baller left me traumatized / dramatized never just think / I thought it couldn't be me," says PSC.

The one song on the album that seems non-sequential is "U Might Knock This."

The beat is funkier than anything on the album, and far more upbeat than is the Grouch's norm.

Fellow Living Legend member Murs shows up to add some Los Angeles flavor.

Another song worth noting is "Road Trip," a track telling of the tours of the Legends.

The crew has had their own self-financed tours to Europe, Japan and Australia.

The song features another of the



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mellow Grouch beats, but this time it is coupled with growling sound effects.

CMA claims to be the "best you've never heard of." As "Overall" proves, they just might be.

And it doesn't matter if you haven't heard of them, or know what CMA stands for — you will.



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Pictures

Jeffrey Wigand (Russell Crowe, left), the insider with top-secret information about a tobacco company, and "60 Minutes" reporter Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) ponder things in Michael Mann's new film "The Insider," which is based on a true story.

MOVIE FACTS

"The Insider"

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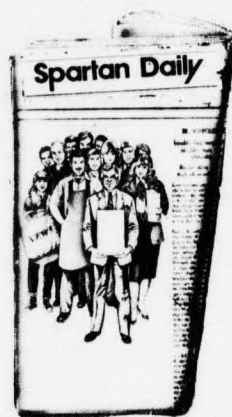
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'The Insider' reveals '60 Minutes' debacle

By Adam Pavlacka
Daily contributing writer

We've seen the tobacco ads on the freeways and we've seen the debate in the news. Now, director Michael Mann is bringing the tobacco debate to movie theaters with "The Insider."

Although the movie itself is somewhat fictional — events were changed in order to enhance the story, making this more of a film "docudrama" than anything else — it does manage enough of the truth to present a compelling story. If the movie wasn't so darned long, it would have been an instant classic.

The movie is centered around the exploits of two men — Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) and Jeffrey Wigand (Russell Crowe). Bergman is a producer for "60 Minutes" and Wigand is a highly placed researcher within a large tobacco firm.

Shortly after Wigand is fired from his job, the two happen upon a chance encounter and Bergman senses a story. Wigand has proof that the tobacco companies knew cigarettes were addictive and that the companies were purposefully manipulating the nicotine content in cigarettes to produce a "high" in smokers.

Eager to get the story on the

air, Bergman fights the tobacco lawyers, his producers and, at times, Wigand himself. The real drama isn't with the plot (the basics of the story are public record) but in how the two men interact with each other, and how they deal with the immense pressures of the situation around them. Although the majority of the film is true, viewers shouldn't take the whole thing as gospel. Like any movie, small changes were made to emphasize the drama.

Crowe is excellent as Wigand, a man who is torn between doing what is right and protecting his severance package so his family can continue to live comfortably. Crowe manages to show the audience every emotion, from simple indecision to anger to utter despair, and it all comes across as completely believable. Never once did he seem insincere.

Bergman is revealed by Pacino as a man who lives for the thrill of the chase. As long as there is a challenge to pursue or an obstacle to overcome, he is ready to go. Even when things start crashing down on top of him, you expect the character to survive; you know the character will survive. Bergman is a crafty man who will do whatever it takes to win.

The film itself features some

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beautiful cinematography and excellent script writing. Where it suffers is in the length. Director Mann has fallen victim to the "long dramatic shot" syndrome. Every single time anything remotely dramatic happens (and being that the movie is a drama, dramatic stuff is happening all the time) Mann seems compelled to pull back the camera, slow down the film and insert a classical aria.

While this works the first time or two, it has you reaching for your watch when it happens constantly. "The Insider" could have easily been edited down to less than two hours (the film currently clocks in at a whopping 2:30) and it wouldn't have lost any of its impact. In fact, a shorter film would have been better.

As it is, "The Insider" is a good film with a solid story, but the excessive length prevents it from achieving cinematic greatness. It is worth checking out, but make sure you see it at a theater with comfy seats. When you factor in previews and ads before the movie, you're likely to be sitting there for nearly three hours.

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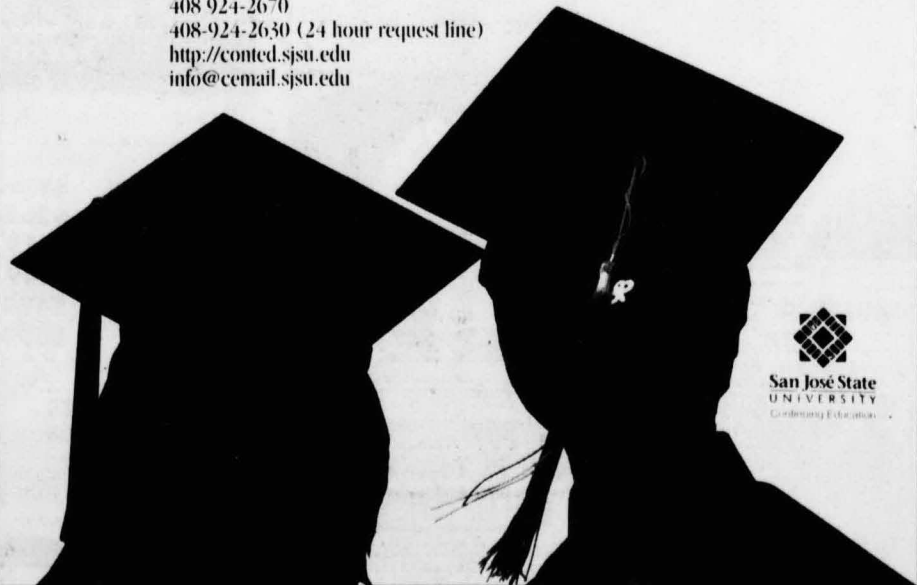
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